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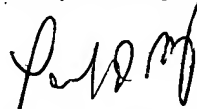
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Respectfully submitted,



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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation	
						YES	NO
	2 565 019	5/28/84	France				X
	198 50 248	8/5/99	Germany				X

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